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1. The Soviet aircraft assembly plant at Tbilisi manufactures and assembles bodies for the most modern type of jet aircraft. The engines for these aircraft come from factories in the Urals.
2. The daily output of the assembly plant in the autumn of 1947 was about one and a half aircraft a day.
3. At this date the plant employed 1,000 Soviet workers and 250 PWs. The latter were not allowed to enter the main workshop, but performed odd jobs outside.
4. The bodies of the aircraft were constructed of aluminum [redacted]. One of the tasks of the PWs was to remove the [redacted] marks of origin from the aluminum sheets.
5. There is an airfield about one km west of the assembly plant, with a concrete runway about 400 meters long and 25 meters wide, two hangars capable of housing four or five aircraft, and five smaller buildings including small repair shops. Normally there are about three aircraft on the field. The PWs were employed in levelling out the field and cutting the surrounding grass.
6. Attached is a sketch indicating the position of the assembly plant and the adjoining airfield, and also the approximate size and position of the various workshops.
7. In October 1947, the Soviets were setting up in Tbilisi two new factories taken from Germany.

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